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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND
AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action mailed April 12, 2010, and is accompanied by a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114.

Applicant is filing this Amendment one month after the three-month shortened statutory period which ended July 12, 2010. Hence, Applicant respectfully petitions for a one month extension of time to extend the term for timely response to August 12, 2010. Applicant believes that no other extension of time is required. However, Applicant also conditionally petitions for an additional extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked.

Authorization for a credit card payment of the extension of time fee and the RCE fee is being filed herewith via EFS. As provided below, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any required fee, or for any deficiency in the enclosed fee.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and requests reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following:

- Amendments to the Claims, beginning on Page 2 of this paper; and
- Remarks, beginning on Page 6 of this paper.